

Judge Ketu Shah

Judge Ketu Shah was appointed to the King County Superior Court and took the bench on May 10, 2019. Previously, Judge Shah served on the King County District Court from 2013 to 2019. While in District Court, Judge Shah presided over the Regional Mental Health Court and the Regional Veterans Court. In addition, he was the East Division presiding judge and sat on the District Court's Executive Committee, Probation Committee, Budget Committee. He also was active in the District and Municipal Court's Judges Association and was an Assistant Dean for the 2019 Judicial College. He has presented on ethical issues for pro tempore judges for the WSBA, and immigration and competency issues at judicial conferences.

Judge Shah is a graduate of Whitman College and the University of Minnesota Law School where he was a Managing Editor for the Journal of Law and Inequality. Judge Shah clerked for Judge Carol Schapira of King County Superior Court and was a public defender intern. He also prosecuted domestic violence cases, helping implement a domestic violence court in the City of Vancouver and assisted in forming a domestic violence unit for the City of Bellevue. Judge Shah also had his own private practice focusing on immigration law, and as part of his work, volunteered extensively representing pro bono clients through API Chaya, ReWA, Immigrant Family Advocacy Project, and Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP).

Judge Shah was on the board for several years with the South Asian Bar Association of Washington and served on the Judicial Evaluation Committee for the Asian Bar Association. He took on Chaya's first pro bono case in 2001 and then later served as Board Chair for over 6 years. He was awarded the 2008 Community Service Award by the South Asian Bar Association and 1998 Community Award by the City of Vancouver. He has tutored math at his daughter's schools, coached select soccer for over 15 years for girls and boys, and is on the board of his local youth soccer club.